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DEN5406: Mass Transfer and Separations Processes I

*Week 7: Filtration, Leaching (Extraction),
Washing (& Dry Cleaning), .*

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Separations and Syllabus Goals

Obtain Quantitative Understanding of the following processes:

Filtration - ✓ we started and continue!

We'll also cover this week: ✓

Aggregation

✓ Centrifugation

Crystallization (controlled freezing) separation

Adsorption

Leaching (extracting metals from ores, making coffee, dry cleaning) ✓

✓ Osmosis

Forward Osmosis

Reverse Osmosis

Ion-exchange membranes

Drying

Distillation (controlled evaporation and condensation) ✓

and the many kinds of distillation

Applications: Surviving in Space, on a desert island without fresh water

What we will cover

By the end of this lecture you'll be able to:

Say what is **caking**. Other vocabulary: **washing, dewatering, feed conditioning, constant pressure filtration, Filter productivity, cycle time, Rotary vacuum drum filter, vertical disk filter, horizontal belt filter, Nutsche filter, Buchner funnel, plate-and-frame filter press**
gas filtration, impingement separators, overall on-flow area, wave-plate separators, deep bed filters, inertial and flow-line interception

Measure amount of caking and its effect on filtration

Quantify the relationship between caking and pressure drop

Different **types of filters** and their **mechanisms**

Devise strategies for mitigating **pressure loss** and prolong **filter life**

Quantitate the filtration capacity of single fibers

Efficiency and cost comparisons – Cost of material, and pressure drop
(pressure drop not only cost, e.g. max vacuum to generate by mouth in straws)

Recommended Reading

Available on Knovel – in the library:

De Haan & Bosch, Industrial Separation Processes, 2013, de Gruyter (Berlin)

Distillation Fundamentals and Principles, Gorak & Sorensen, eds., 2014, Elsevier

Reactive & Membrane-Assisted Separations, Lutze & Gorak, eds., 2016, de Gruyter

Also from

Seader, Henley, & Roper, Separations Process Principles, 2011, Wiley

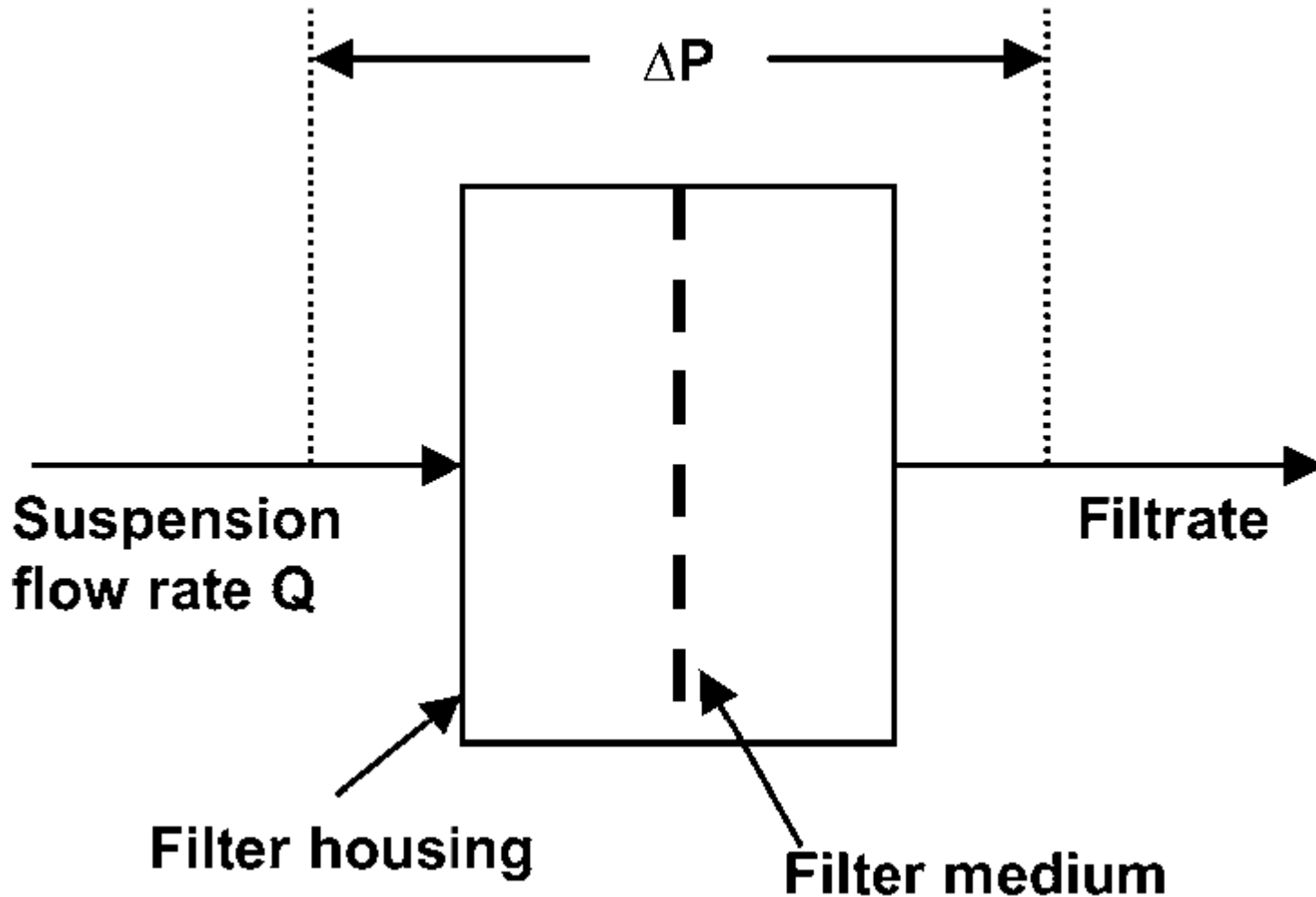
Will assign pre-class reading -> will have a chance to discuss problems in class

From Last Week:

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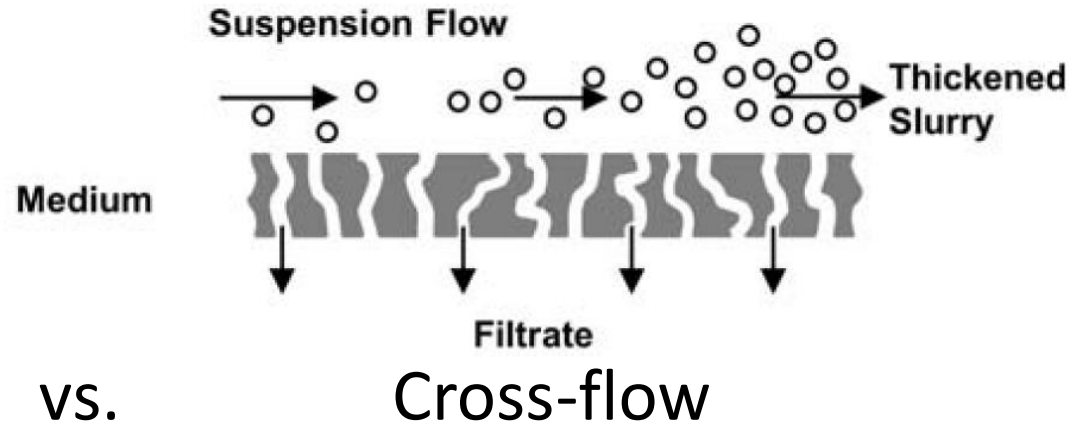
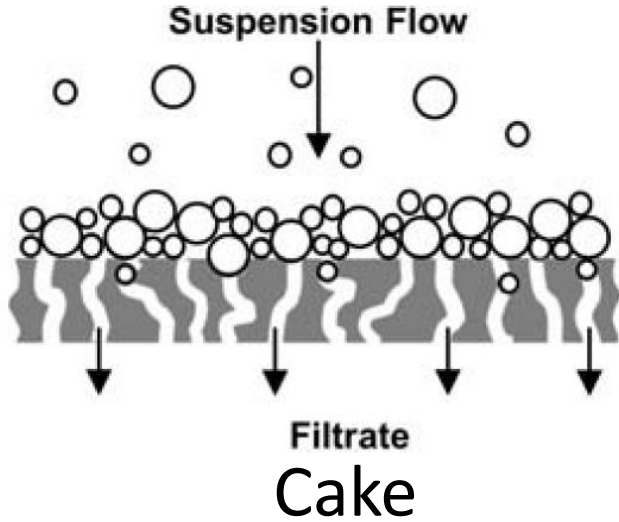
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Filtration



Efficiency of filter = % particles retained (of a given size)
Efficiency vs. pressure drop (lower pressure is better)

Filtration – Caking and membranes

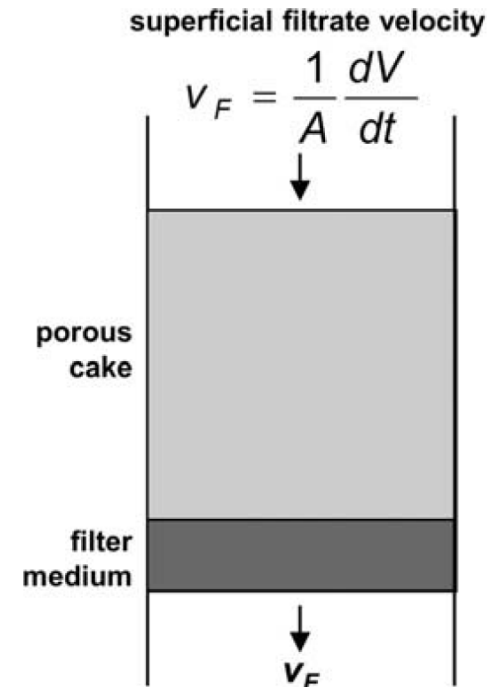


Filter Porosity

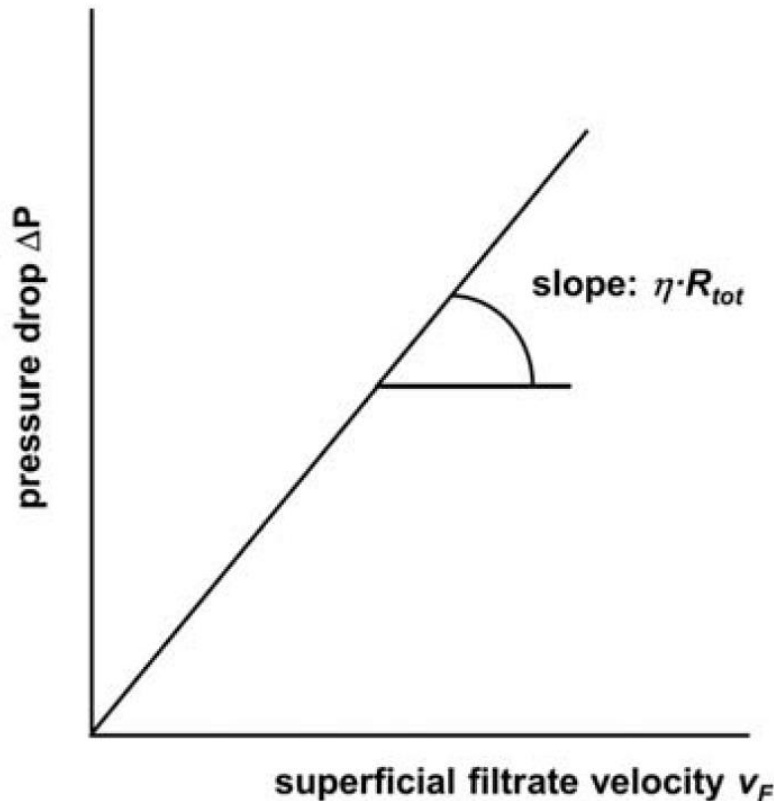
$$\varepsilon = \frac{\text{volume of voids}}{\text{total bed volume}}$$

Filtrate Velocity

$$v_F = \frac{\Delta P}{\eta R_{tot}}$$



Filtration – Quantitation



$$v_F = \frac{\Delta P}{\eta (R_M + R_C)}$$

Resistance due to filter medium
And to cake (R_M and R_C)

$$v_F = \frac{1}{A} \frac{dV}{dt}$$

$$\Delta P = \Delta P_C + \Delta P_M = \eta \frac{R_C + R_M}{A} \frac{dV}{dt}$$

Darcy's Law

Filtration – Problem Solving 1

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What is the resistance of the coffee filter paper? $v_F = \frac{1}{A} \frac{dV}{dt}$
Later you pour the same height of coffee, at $80 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$, ($\eta = 0.333 \times 10^{-3}$ Pa.s) and collect 200 ml in 1 min. $v_F = \frac{\Delta P}{\eta (R_M + R_C)}$
What is the resistance of the coffee grinds?

*Try to define the quantities for the equation yourself
It's not too hard – mostly identifying the words that
Go with the symbols and plugging in.*

*The goal of this is literally to change your brain.
Looking at the solution does a bad job of that.*

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*but here's
a hint:*

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$$v_F = \frac{1}{A} \frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{250 \text{ cm}^3}{25 \text{ cm}^2 \text{ min}} = \frac{10 \text{ cm}}{\text{min}} = \frac{1 \text{ cm}}{6 \text{ s}} = \dots \frac{10^3 \text{ Pa}}{10^{-3} \text{ Pa.s} * R_M}$$

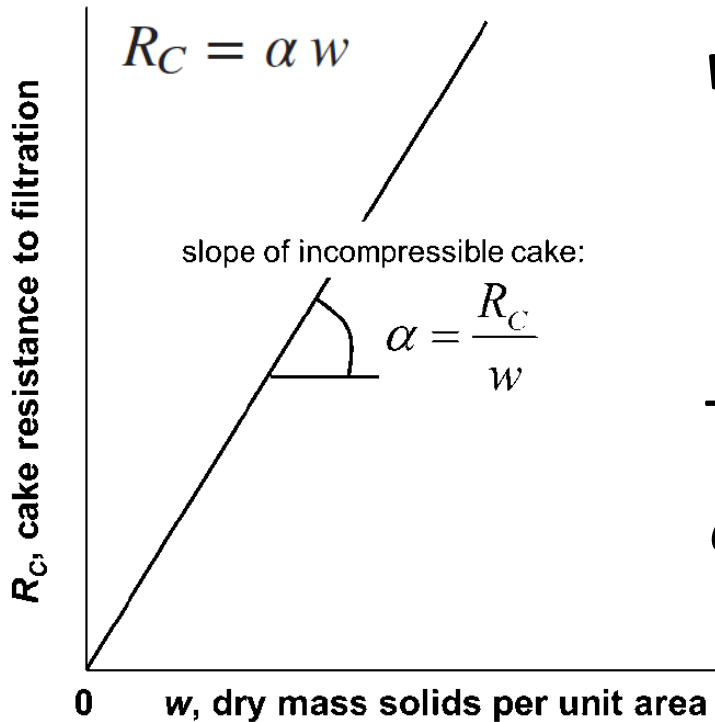
$R_M = 6 \times 10^6 / \text{cm}$, so when $v_{F\text{coffee}} = 0.1 \text{ cm/s}$ &

$\eta = 0.333 \times 10^{-3} \text{ Pa.s}$, $R_M + R_C = 30 \times 10^6 / \text{cm}$, **$R_C = 27 \times 10^6 / \text{cm}$**

Filtration – Incompressible Cake

Incompressible cake causes:

a *linear* increase in resistance R_C with *cake height*



w is mass dry solids per filter area A
 $w = \frac{c V}{A}$ [kg/m²] where c is kg solids
 per volume V of suspension

The proportionality slope R_C / w is
 α - the specific cake resistance [m/kg]

Darcy's Law with specific resistance:

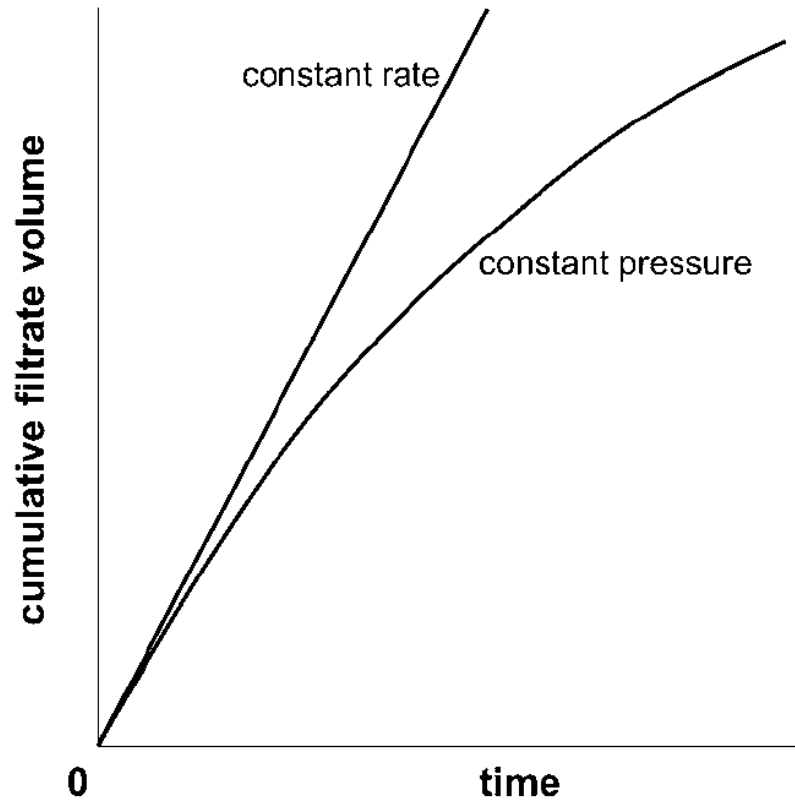
$$\eta \frac{R_C + R_M}{A} \frac{dV}{dt} \Rightarrow$$

$$\Delta P = \frac{\eta c \alpha}{A^2} V \frac{dV}{dt} + \frac{\eta R_M}{A} \frac{dV}{dt}$$

Filtration – Incompr. Constant Pressure

Incompressible cake

Constant pressure filtration,



After substituting in Darcy's law and integration,

$$\int_0^t dt = \frac{\eta c \alpha}{A^2 \Delta P} \int_0^V V dV + \frac{\eta R_M}{A \Delta P} \int_0^V dV$$

this yields the

Linearized parabolic rate law:

$$\frac{t}{V} = \frac{\eta c \alpha}{2 A^2 \Delta P} V + \frac{\eta R_M}{A \Delta P}$$

Graph t/V vs. V to get:

the specific cake α and

filter medium resistance R_M .

Filtration – Problem Solving 2

A slurry is filtered with a laboratory leaf filter with a filtering surface area of 0.05 m^2 , using a vacuum pressure difference of 0.7 bar . The slurry contains $5 \text{ vol}\%$ of solids (density 3000 kg/m^3) Filtrate viscosity is $10^{-3} \text{ Pa}\cdot\text{s}$ (viscosity of water at room temp). The volume of filtrate collected in the first 5 min was 250 cm^3 and, after a further 5 min , an additional 150 cm^3 was collected. **Determine** the specific cake and cloth resistance.

A bit harder – but still ...

Try to define the quantities for the equation yourself

The brain is a hard thing to change.

I'll guide you through this problem, do more yourself.

Filtration – Incompr. Constant Rate

Incompressible cake

Constant rate filtration,

$$\Delta P = \frac{\eta c \alpha}{A^2} V \frac{dV}{dt} + \frac{\eta R_M}{A} \frac{dV}{dt}$$

substituting in Darcy's law

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{V}{t} = \text{constant}$$

yields the

Pressure change with time:

$$\Delta P = \left(\frac{\eta c \alpha}{A^2} \frac{V}{t} \right) V + \left(\frac{\eta R_M}{A} \frac{V}{t} \right)$$

Characteristic Plot:

ΔP

vs

V .

slope and intercept from such a graph provide the specific cake α and filter medium resistance R_M .

Liquid-Liquid Extraction and Solid-Liquid (Leaching)

Industrial liquid-liquid extraction systems

Solute	Carrier	Solvents
Acetic Acid	Water	Ethyl acetate, Isopropyl acetate
Aromatics	Paraffins	Diethylene glycol, Furfural, Sulpholane, NMP, DMSO
Caprolactam	Aqueous Ammonium Sulphate	Benzene, Toluene, Chloroform
Benzoic Acid	Water	Benzene
Formaldehyde	Water	Isopropyl ether
Phenol	Water	Benzene
Penicillin	Broth	Butyl acetate
Vanilla	Oxidized liquors	Toluene
Vitamins A, D	Fish liver oils	Liquid propane
Vitamin E	Vegetable oils	Liquid propane
Copper	Acidic leach liquors	Chelating agents in kerosene
Uranium	Acidic leach liquors	Tertiary amines in kerosene

What we will cover

By the end of this lecture you'll be able to:

Say what is **Drycleaning chemical P**. Other vocabulary: **gold panning, sluicing, Amalgamation, dissolution and recovery,**

Different generations of Drycleaning Equipment

Gold Extraction Processes

Mercury, Cyanide and the Cyanide recovery process

Coffee extraction processes

Turkish Coffee, Filter coffee, and

Espresso - also temperature, pressure, and crema!

Main process parameters in Espresso – **read articles** on best processing

Decaf Coffee??

Efficiency and cost comparisons – **find research articles** on process efficiency

Leaching Au out of ore

By the end of 1849 gold rush was at its full swing. Au was simply filtered from earth and rocks by mechanically sieving and picking. Obviously only larger particles of gold could be found this way.



Later Sedimentation in sluices was used –
Smaller particles and poorer deposits explored

Leaching Au out of ore

Then came chemistry:

Au + Hg -> AuHg amalgam. Later Heat to get Au!

same reaction with Ag: Au and Ag often extracted together

Huge pollution in California with Hg from the Gold Rush

The cyanide process:

$4 \text{Au(s)} + 8 \text{NaCN(aq)} + \text{O}_2(\text{g}) + 2\text{H}_2\text{O(l)} \rightarrow$ (VERY TOXIC!)

$4 \text{Na[Au(CN)}_2\text{](aq)} + 4 \text{NaOH(aq)}$

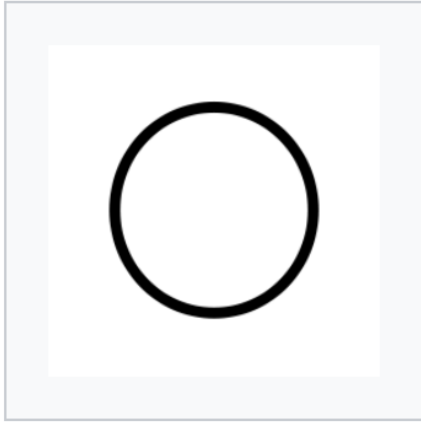
But can be treated with peroxomonosulphuric (Caro's) acid (H_2SO_5)

$\text{CN}^- + [\text{O}] \rightarrow \text{OCN}^-$ **(cyanide to cyanate)**

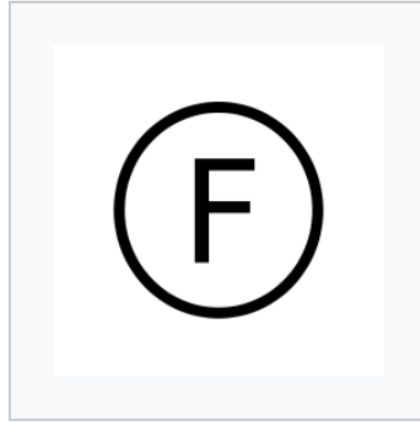
$\text{OCN}^- + 2 \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{HCO}_3^- + \text{NH}_3$

Efficiency and cost comparisons – we'll discuss research articles
on process efficiency

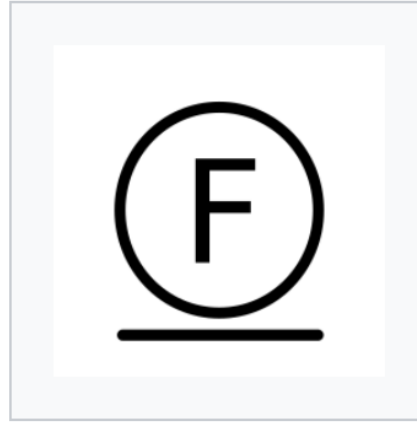
Drycleaning



Professional cleaning
symbol



Dry clean, hydrocarbon
solvent only (HCS)



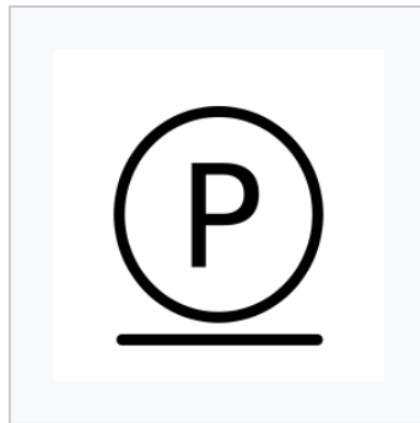
Gentle cleaning with
hydrocarbon solvents



Very gentle cleaning with
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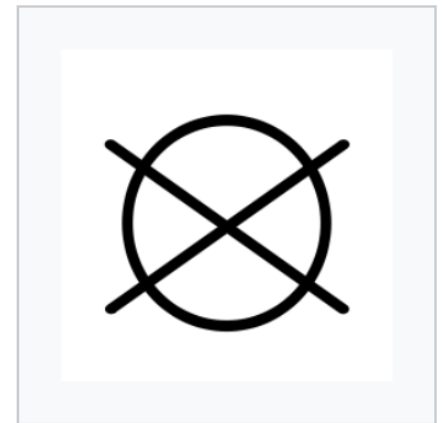
Dryclean,
tetrachloroethylene
(PCE) only



Gentle cleaning with
PCE

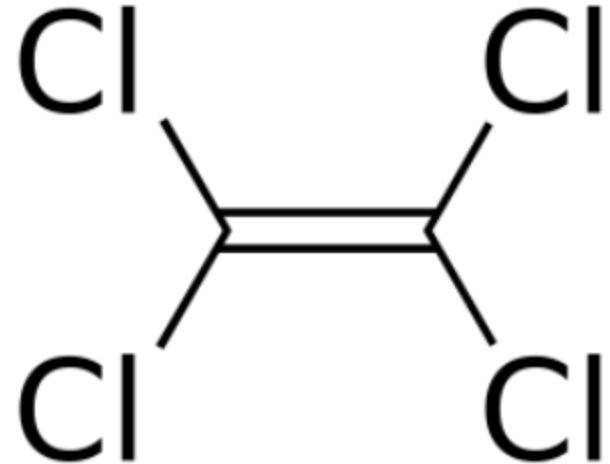


Very gentle cleaning with
PCE



Do not dry clean

Drycleaning



Process discovered in the 1930s. Tetra-chloro ethylene.

Non-Flammable. *Boiling-point*: 121 °C ([O'Neil et al., 2006](#))

P stands for per-chloro ethylene – all the H-s substituted by Cl

Strong bonds, don't fall apart – non-flammable.

Coffee Extraction

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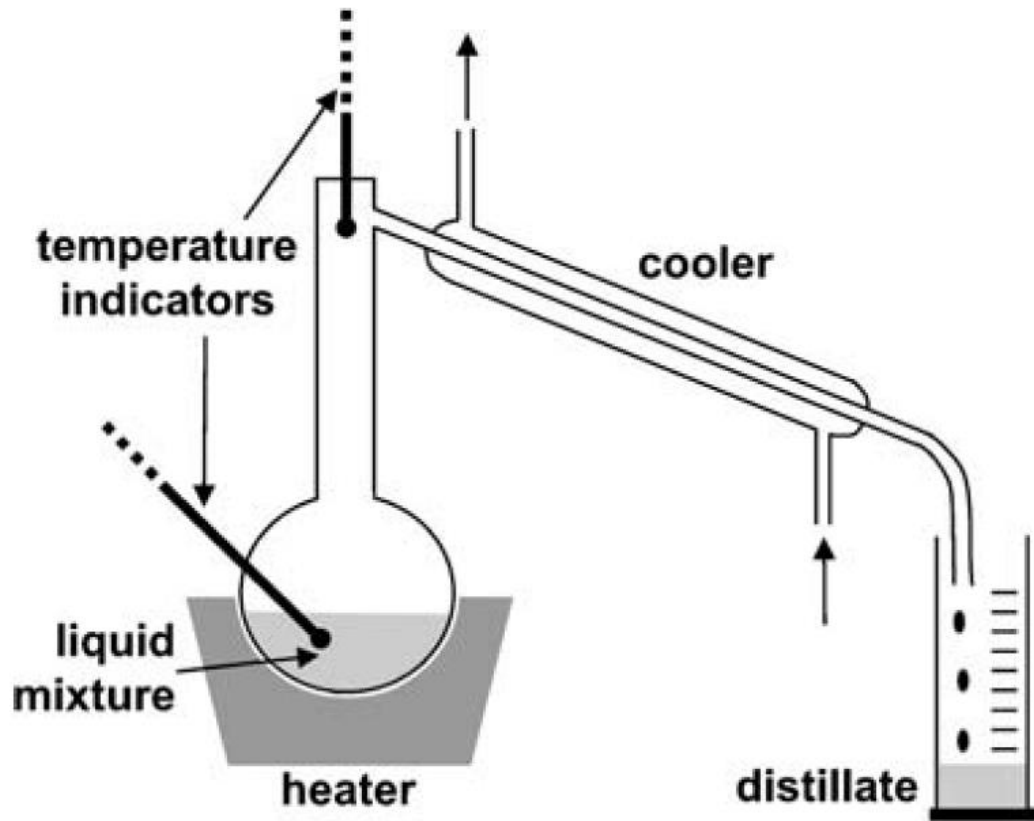
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Influence of Water Pressure on the Final Quality of Arabica Espresso Coffee. Application of Multivariate Analysis

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Distillation



From Benchtop to

Large Industrial Distillation Columns

What we will cover

By the end of this lecture you'll be able to:

Say what is **Distillation**. Other vocabulary: **flash distillation, multi-stage fractionation, vacuum distillation, vapor-liquid equilibria, Theoretical plates, liquid bubble point, vapor dew point, Reflux, rectification, boilup, distillation column, Rectification, Stripping sections, downcomer, reflux ratio, reboiler, Operating pressure**

McCabe-Thiele method for analyzing binary mixtures distillation

Multiple Component separation

Equipment building and operation

Process Efficiency and cost comparisons

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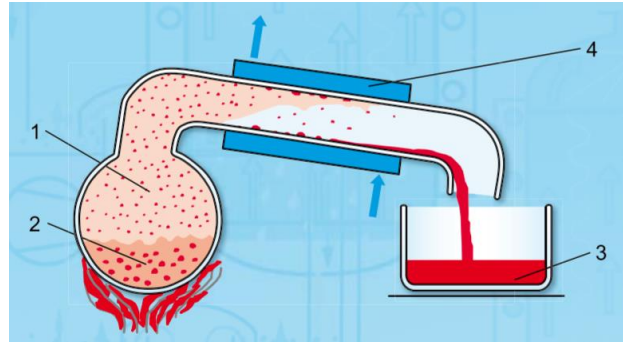
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Two-Phase Equilibria

General Separations

$$K_A \equiv \frac{x_{A,1}}{x_{A,2}}$$



In Distillation

$$K_i \equiv \frac{y_i}{x_i}$$

Equilibrium ratio of mole fraction of component A between phases 1 and 2

distribution coefficient K_i between phases x,y of component i

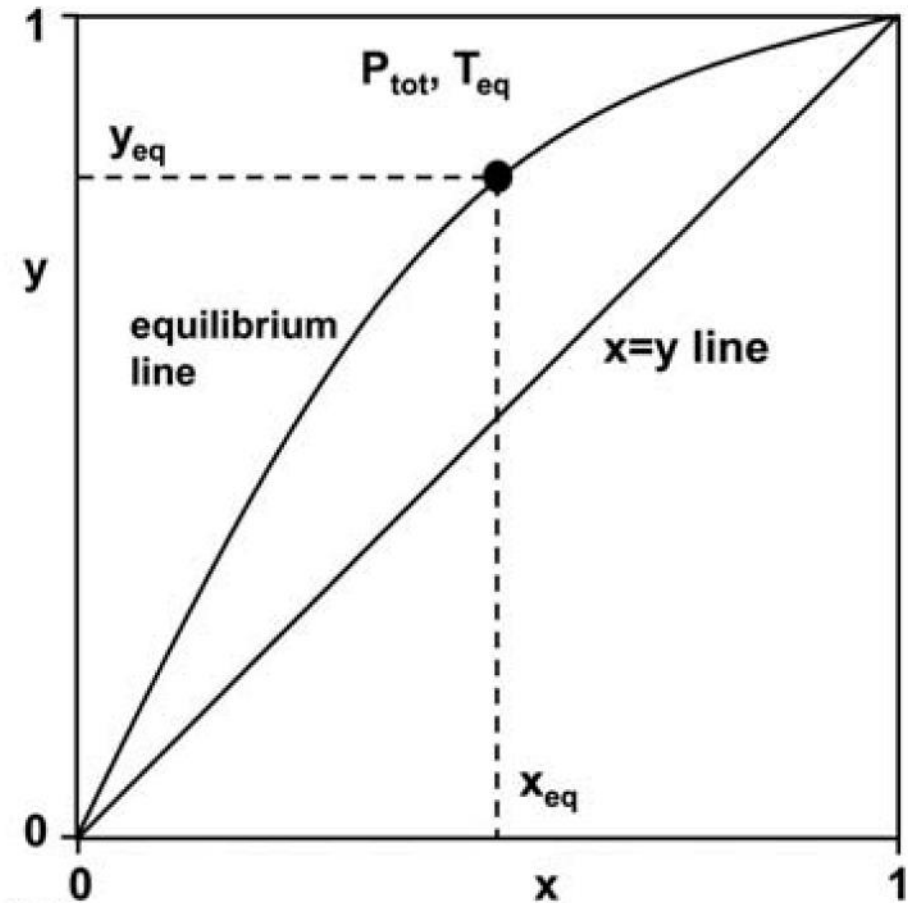
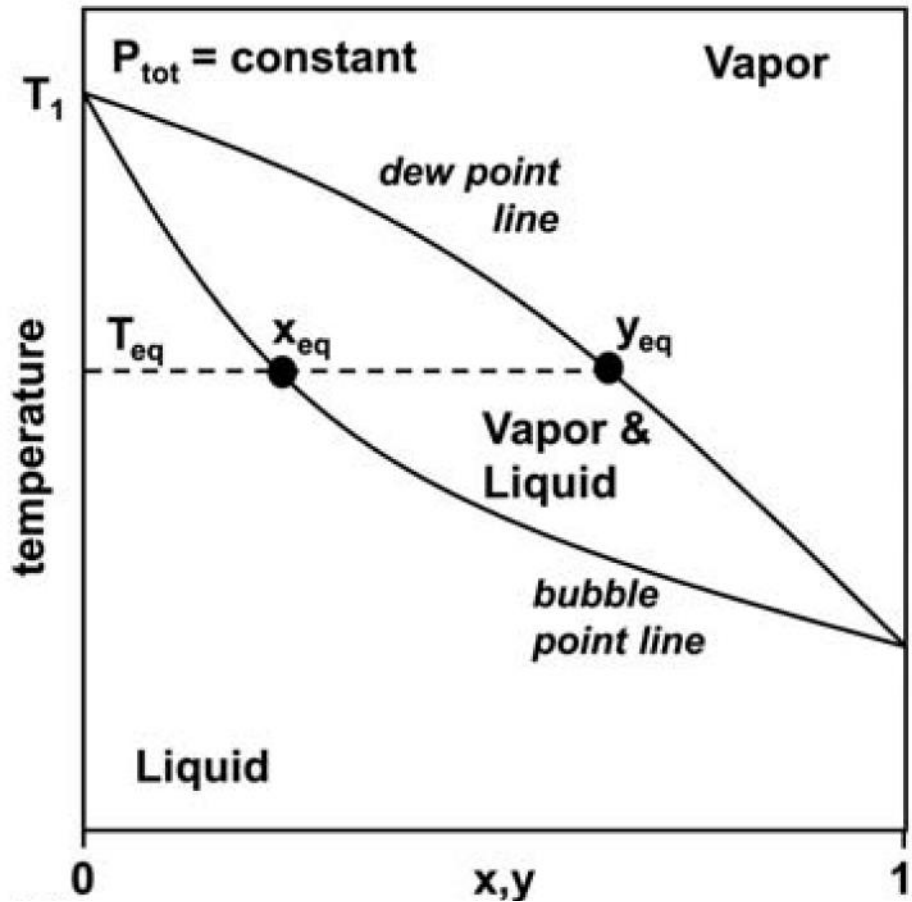
Separation factor and selectivity of separations of two components ***i and j***

$$\alpha_{ij} = \frac{K_i}{K_j}$$

the **relative volatility** of ***i***
Determines the selectivity of Separation vs a reference ***j*** is

How do we measure relative volatility?

Two-Phase Equilibria



Constant pressure (isobaric) equilibrium diagrams and Changing compositions between phases

Two-Phase Equilibria

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$$p_i = y_i P_{tot}$$

Dalton's law relates concentration of
components in an ideal gas or to
partial pressures in the vapor mixture

$$p_i = x_i P_i^0$$

Raoult's law gives partial pressure
in the vapor (p_i) from concentr.
in the liquid (x_i) mixture

Combination gives:

$$y_i P_{tot} = x_i P_i^0 \quad K_i = \frac{y_i}{x_i} = \frac{P_i^0}{P_{tot}} \quad \text{and}$$

$$\alpha_{ij} = \frac{K_i}{K_j} = \frac{P_i^0}{P_j^0}$$

Ideal vs Non-ideal Liquid Mixtures

Ideal liquid mixtures partial pressures in the vapor mixture

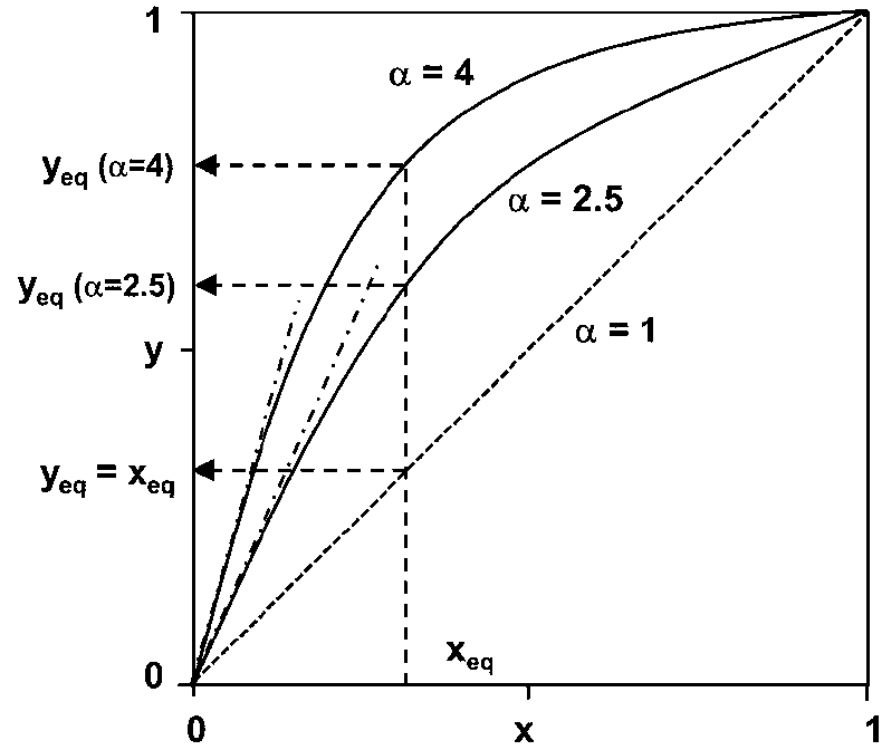
$$y = \frac{\alpha x}{1 + (\alpha - 1)x}$$

Non-ideal liquid mixtures

Require modified Raoult's law:

$$p_i = \gamma_i x_i P_i^0$$

Where γ_i is a correction factor, the **liquid phase activity coefficient**

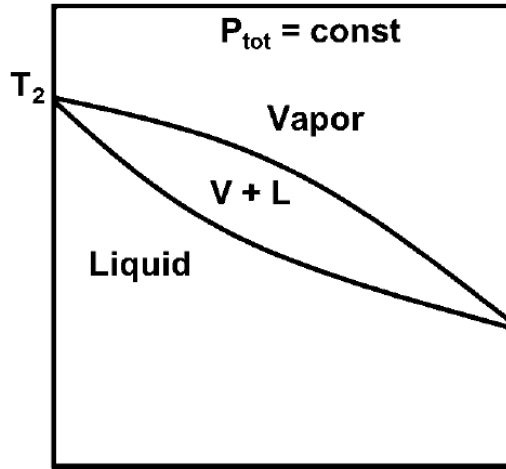


What happens when γ_i becomes very high??

Potential for **azeotropes** and separation problems.

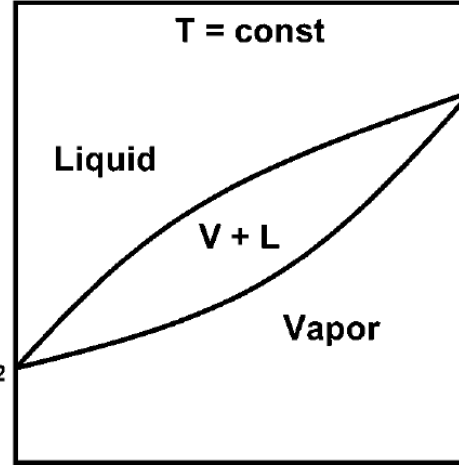
Azeotropes and Problem Separations

I. Intermediate boiling systems, Benzene - Toluene



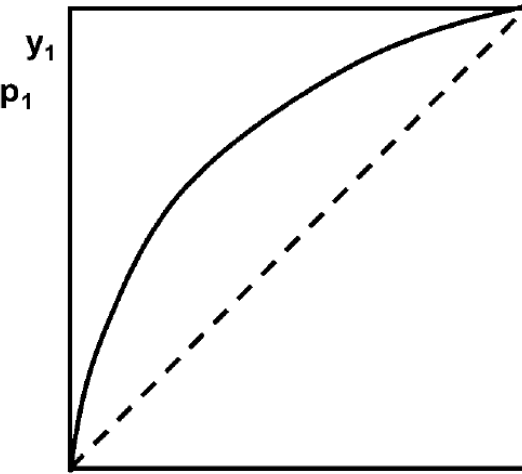
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x_1, y_1



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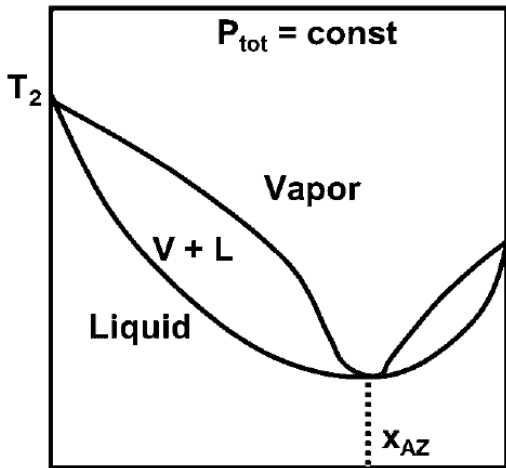
x_1, y_1



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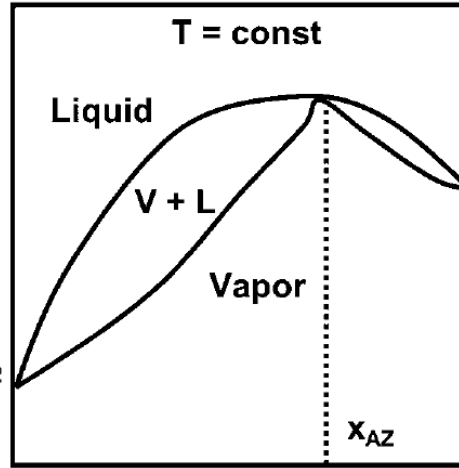
x_1

II. Minimum boiling azeotrope systems, Ethanol - Water



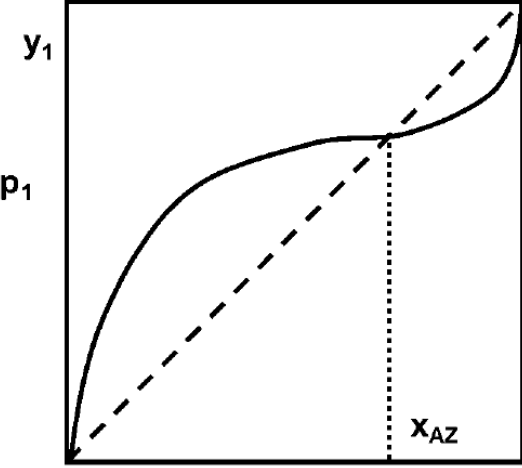
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(b)

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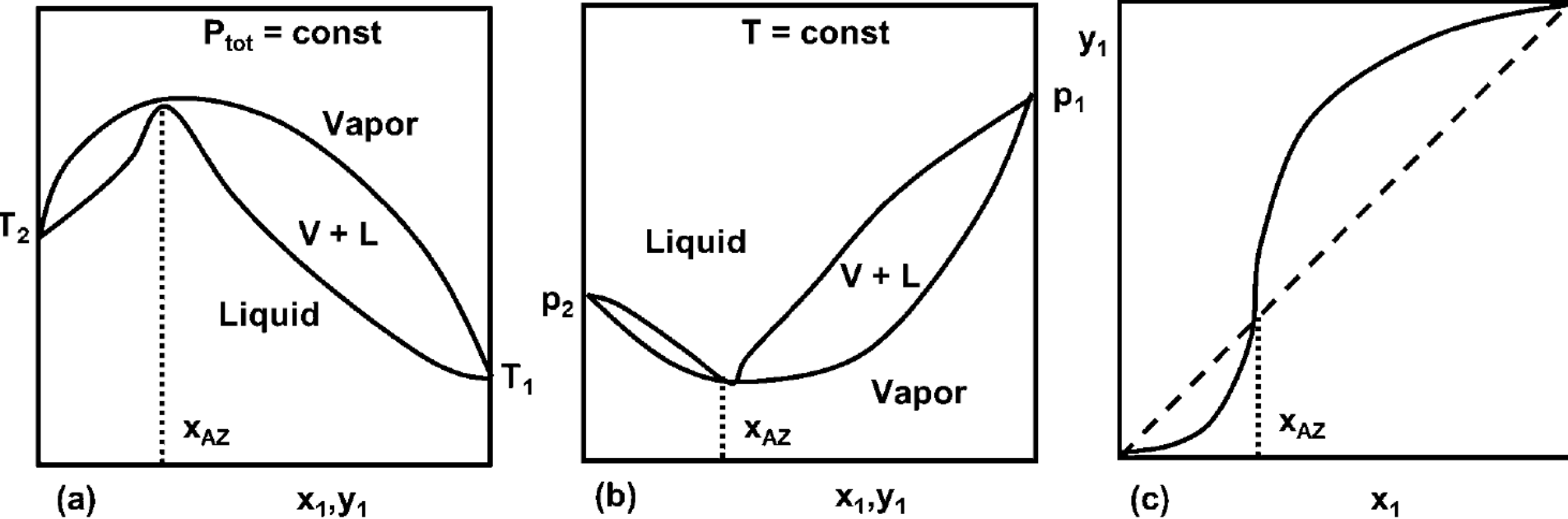
(c)

x_1

Ideal vs azeotropic mixtures

Azeotropes and Problem Separations

III. Maximum boiling azeotrope systems, Acetone – Chloroform



Simple distillation is not effective for separating **azeotropic mixtures** (mix T_b not between components)
We'll cover techniques for their separations later
but in brief need adsorption, extraction, etc., i.e.:
Need to combine distillation with other separations

Simple

vs.

Flash Distillation

Same, yet

Batch

vs.

Continuous

$$y = \frac{\alpha x}{1 + (\alpha - 1)x} \quad \text{with} \quad \alpha = \frac{K_A}{K_B}$$

Single stage separation efficiency.

Relative volatility α is the equilibr.

VL- constant, also referred to as K

continuous feed is partially vaporized to give a vapor richer in the more volatile components.

limited degree of separation

Uses: e.g. seawater desalination,

Where bp differences are high

Above is derived from Two Mass Balances –
One for whole liquid, one for a component in the liquid

$$F = V + L \quad \text{and} \quad Fz = Vy + Lx$$

Here F is the total fluid and
 V, L – vapor and liquid separated

z, y, x , and the mole fractions of
a component in fluid, vapor, liquid

Single vs. Multi-Stage

Rearranging this equation yields form on the right

$$y = \frac{\alpha x}{1 + (\alpha - 1)x} \quad \text{with} \quad \alpha = \frac{K_A}{K_B}$$

$$\frac{y_0^*}{1 - y_0^*} = \alpha \cdot \frac{x_0}{1 - x_0}$$

What if we repeat this again?

Subscript 0 refers to initial state

New liquid has $x_1 = y_0$, so compare composition of 1st and 2nd liquids:

$$\frac{x_1}{1 - x_1} = \alpha \cdot \frac{x_0}{1 - x_0}$$

Similarly if we repeat a second time
Composition gets even purer:

$$\frac{x_2}{1 - x_2} = \alpha \cdot \frac{x_1}{1 - x_1} = \alpha^2 \cdot \frac{x_0}{1 - x_0}$$

For the nth step:

or rearranging:

$$\frac{x_n}{1 - x_n} = \alpha^n \frac{x_0}{1 - x_0}$$

$$x_n = \frac{\alpha^n \cdot x_0}{1 + (\alpha^n - 1) \cdot x_0}$$

Even small α can
lead to pure product!

Multi-Stage and Column Distillation

with Rectification

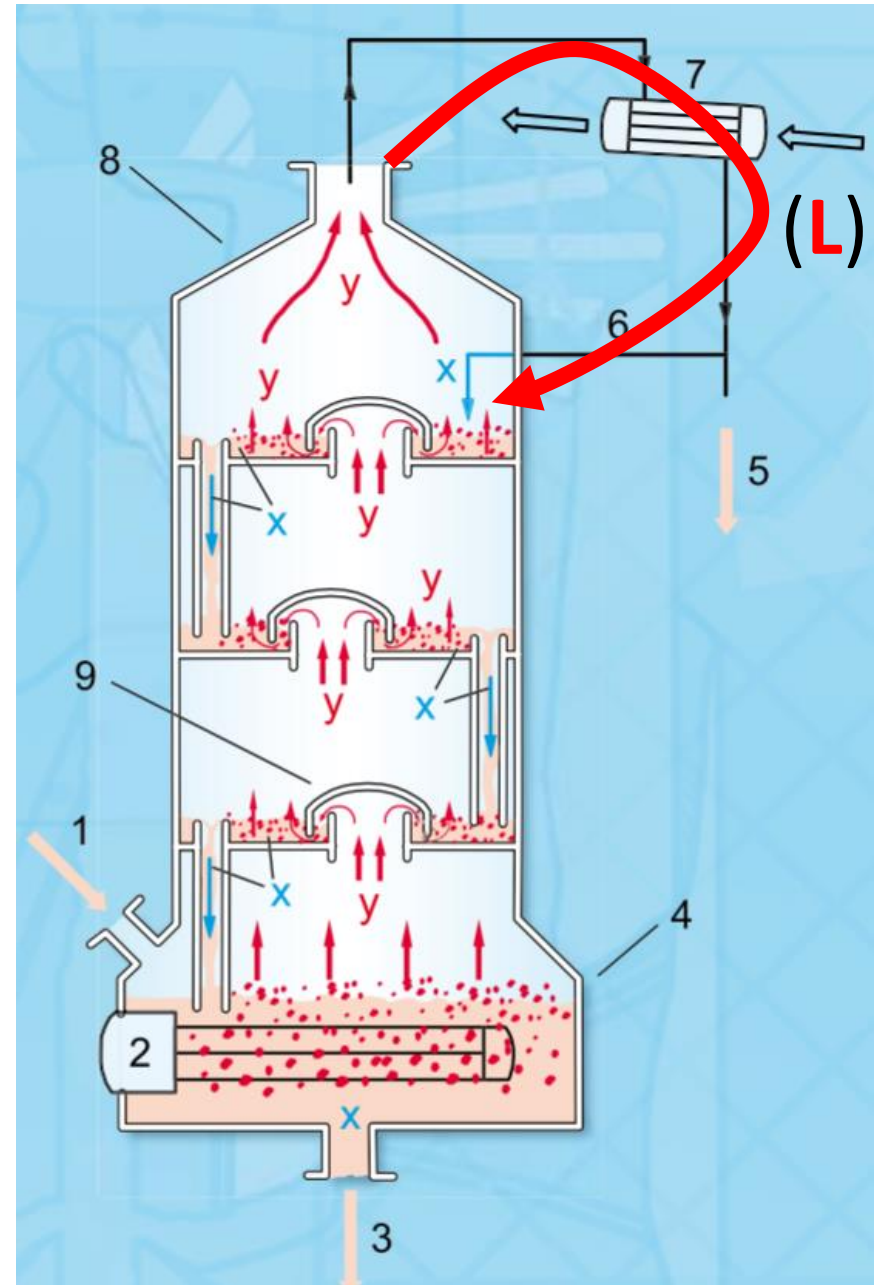
Top vapor = product

Part condensed, fed back

Words for vocabulary:

distillation column, Reflux,
rectification, reflux ratio,
reboiler, Operating pressure

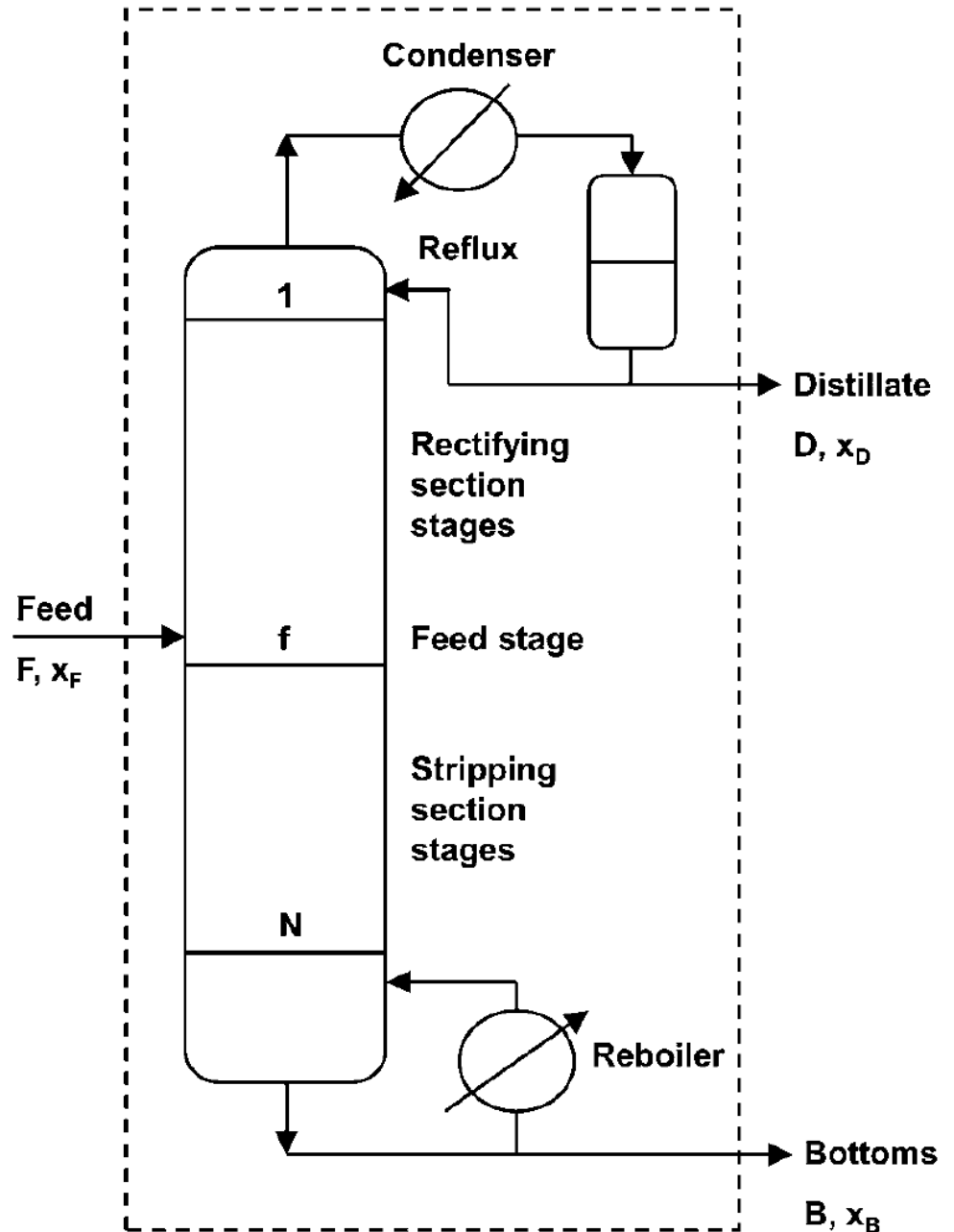
The **Reflux ratio** $R = L/D$ is
the ratio of reflux flow (**L**)
to distillate flow (**D**)
(**L** Being returned back to the
column for re-distilling)



Multi-Stage and Column Distillation

Rather than only going up
One can also come down
From the feed
Concentrate the less volatile
Components.

Keywords – downcomer,
Stripping sections
Rectifying sections



Operating condition: T and L/V

Graphical Determination – Mole Fractions

When we specify T, we can also

Decide on q

$$q = \frac{L}{F} = \frac{\text{Fraction of feed remaining}}{\text{liquid}}$$

$$(1-q) = V / F \quad (\text{Fraction vaporized})$$

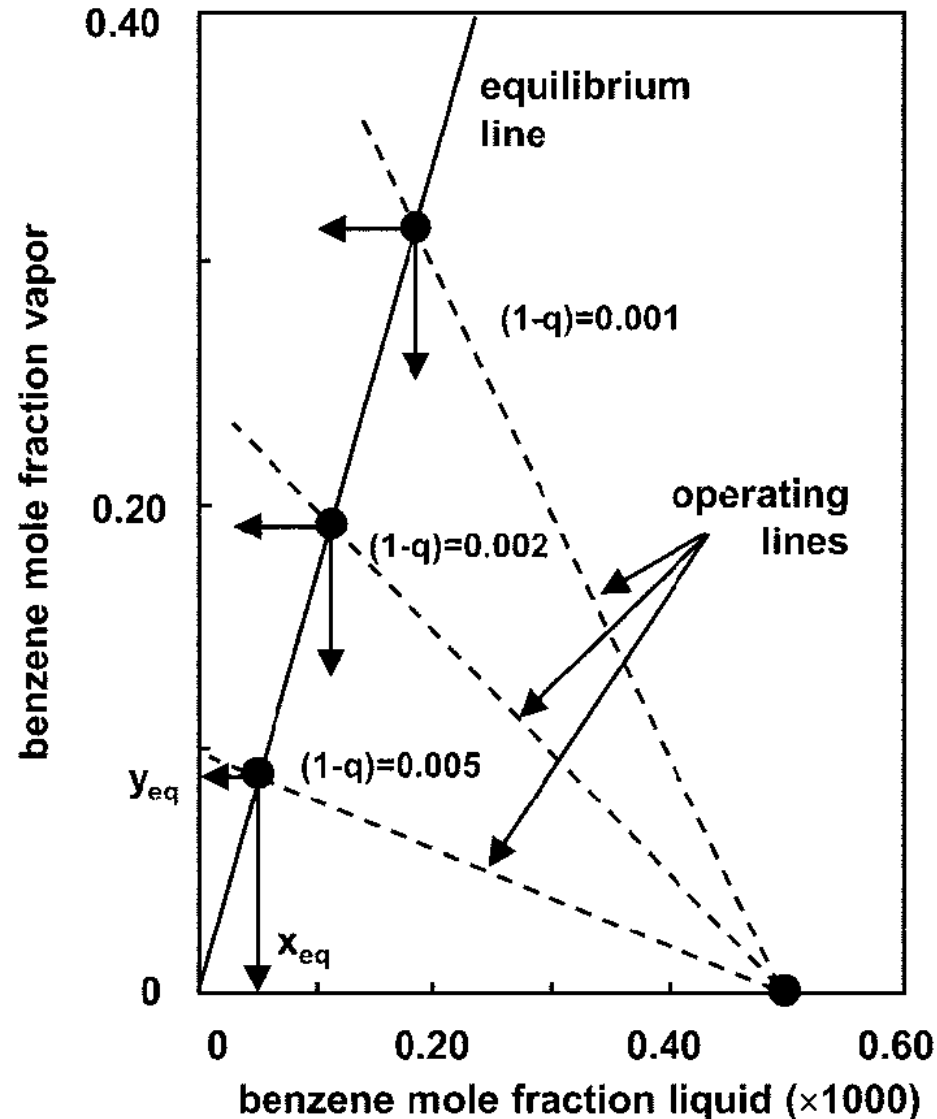
The **Operating Line** equation

is:

$$y = -\frac{q}{1-q} x + \frac{1}{1-q} z$$

The **Equilibrium line** is:

$$\frac{y}{1-y} = \alpha \cdot \frac{x}{1-x}$$



Operating condition: T and total Pressure P

Graphical Determination – Mole Fractions

Now we have to find q

$$q = \frac{L}{F} = \frac{\text{Fraction of feed remaining}}{\text{liquid}}$$

by eliminating x, y from the

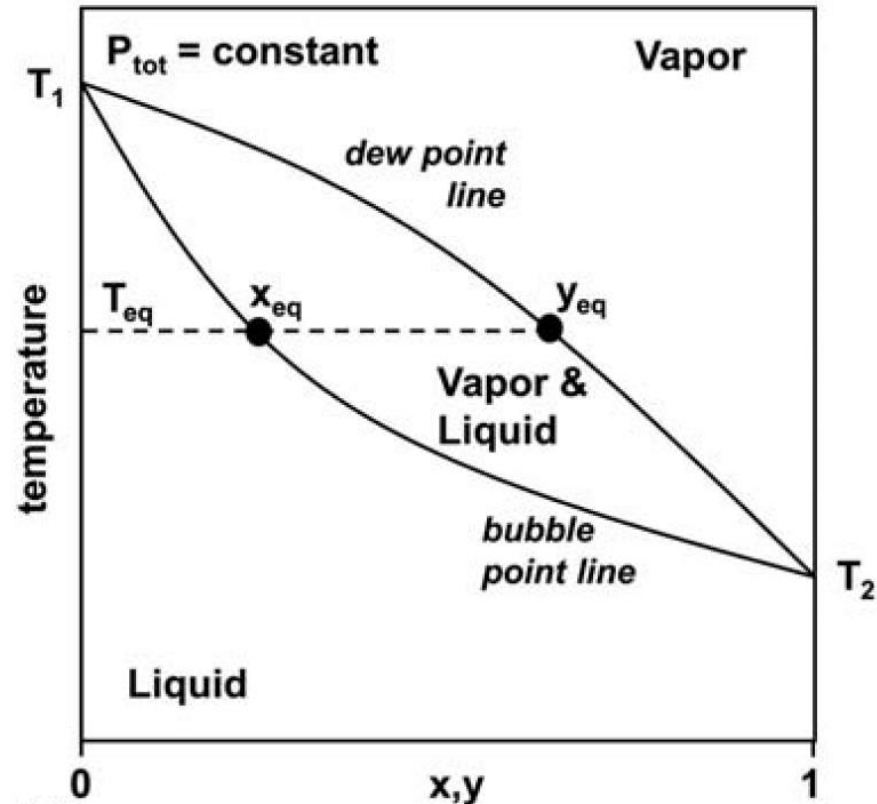
Operating Line equation:

$$y = -\frac{q}{1-q}x + \frac{1}{1-q}z$$

And **Equilibrium line:**

$$\frac{y}{1-y} = \alpha \cdot \frac{x}{1-x} \quad \text{given } T, P_{tot} - \text{the } K_i \text{ are known constants, so}$$

$$q = -z \frac{K_B}{1-K_B} - (1-z) \frac{K_A}{1-K_A} \quad \text{and} \quad x = \frac{1-K_B}{K_A-K_B}$$



McCabe-Thiele Analysis

Internal balances for the Rectifying section

In vapor, liquid and distillate $V'_{n+1} y_{n+1} = L'_n x_n + D x_D$

Operating line is:

$$y_{n+1} = \left(\frac{L'}{V'} \right) x_n + \left(\frac{D}{V'} \right) x_D$$

or

$$y_{n+1} = \left(\frac{R}{R+1} \right) x_n + \left(\frac{1}{R+1} \right) x_D$$

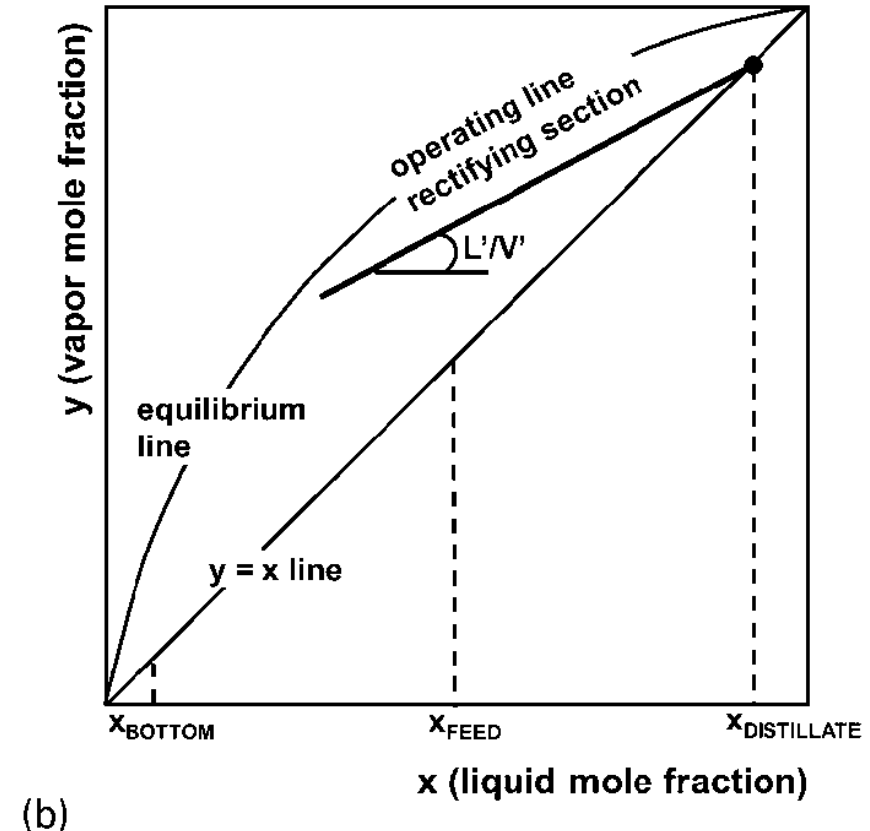
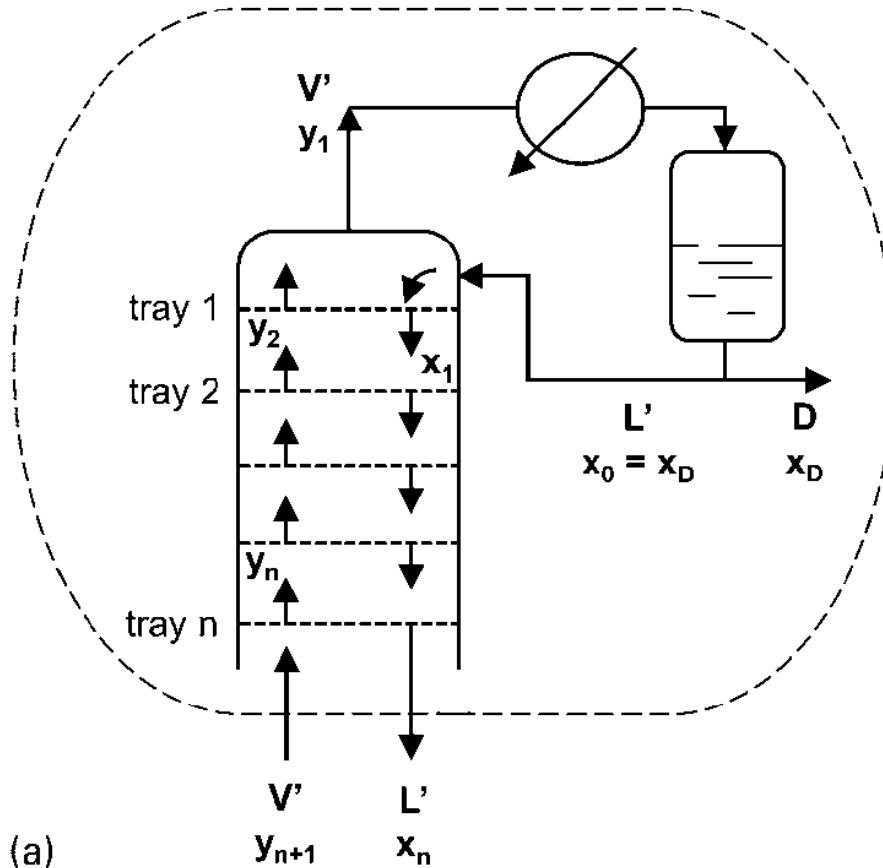
And since

$V' = L' + D$ and

$L'/D = R$

This information is much easier to view graphically as we'll see next.

McCabe-Thiele Analysis



the **operating line** is a straight line in the y - x -diagram with an intersection at $y = x_D$ on the $y = x$ line, for **specified values of R and x_D** (purity of distillate)

McCabe-Thiele Analysis

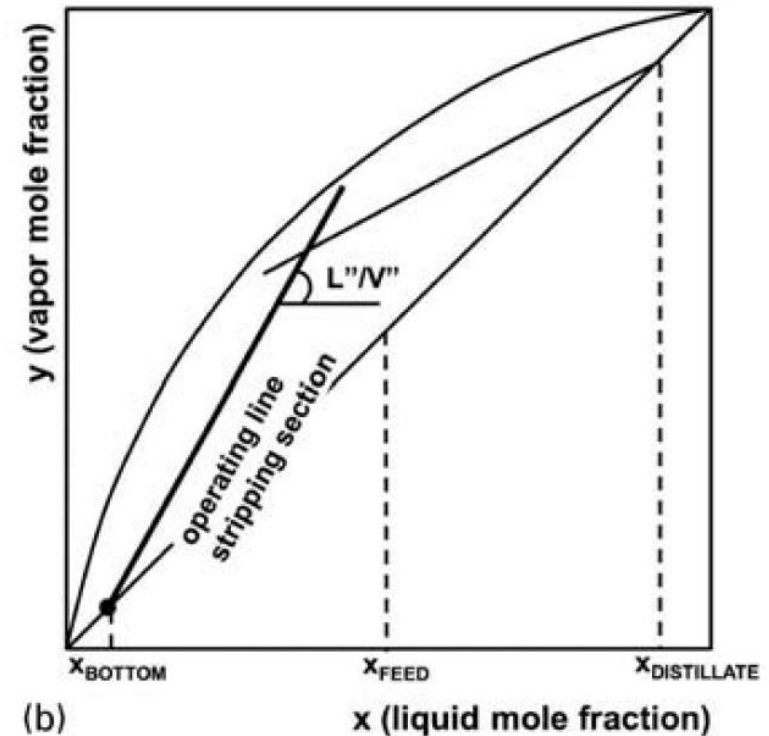
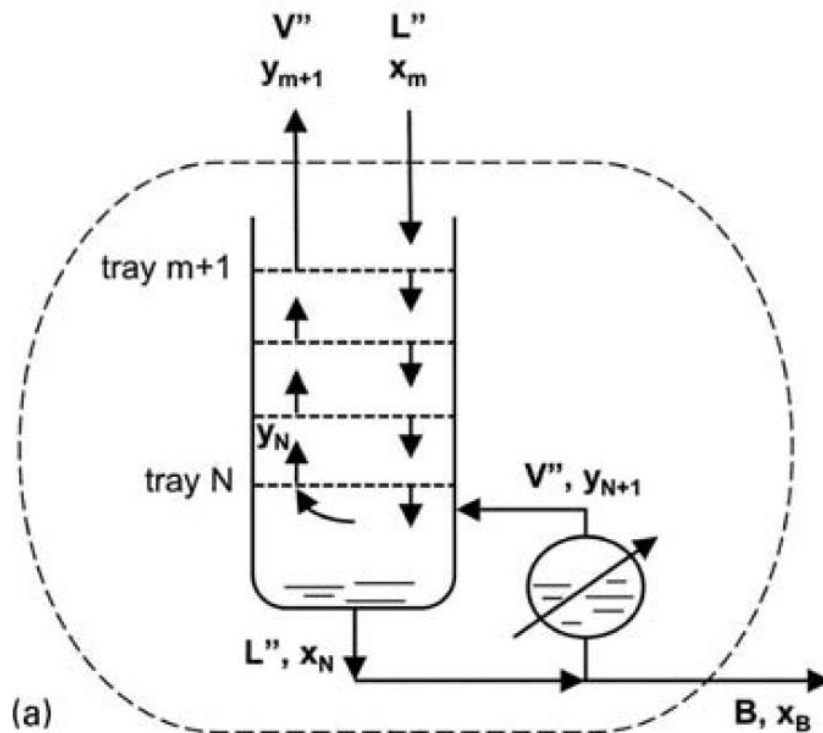
Internal balances for the Stripping section

In vapor, liquid and bottoms $L''_m x_m = V''_{m+1} y_{m+1} + B x_B$

Operating line is:

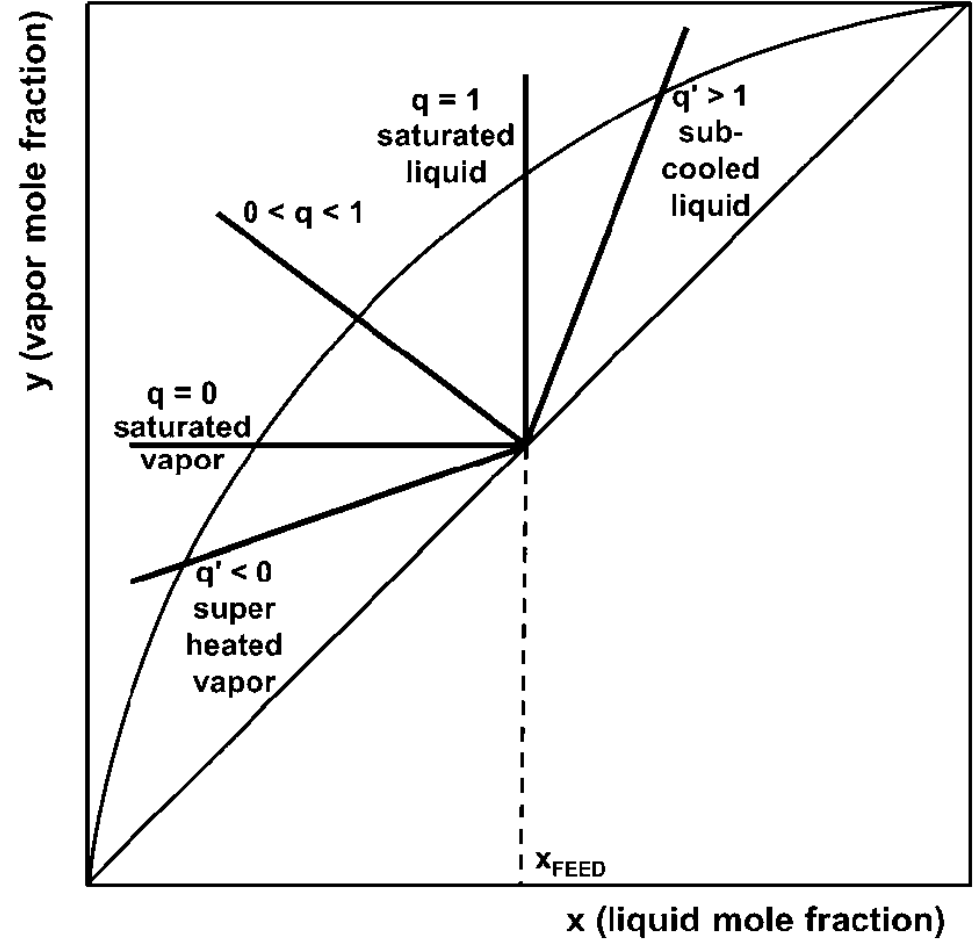
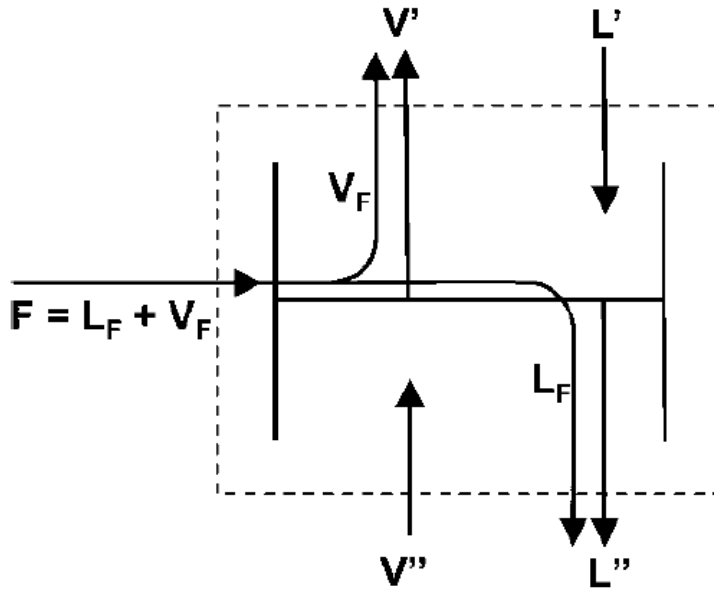
And graphically:

$$y_{m+1} = \left(\frac{L''}{V''} \right) x_m - \left(\frac{B}{V''} \right) x_B$$



McCabe-Thiele Analysis

Dependence of q-line on the feed condition:



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Graphical Determination of # of equilibrium stages:

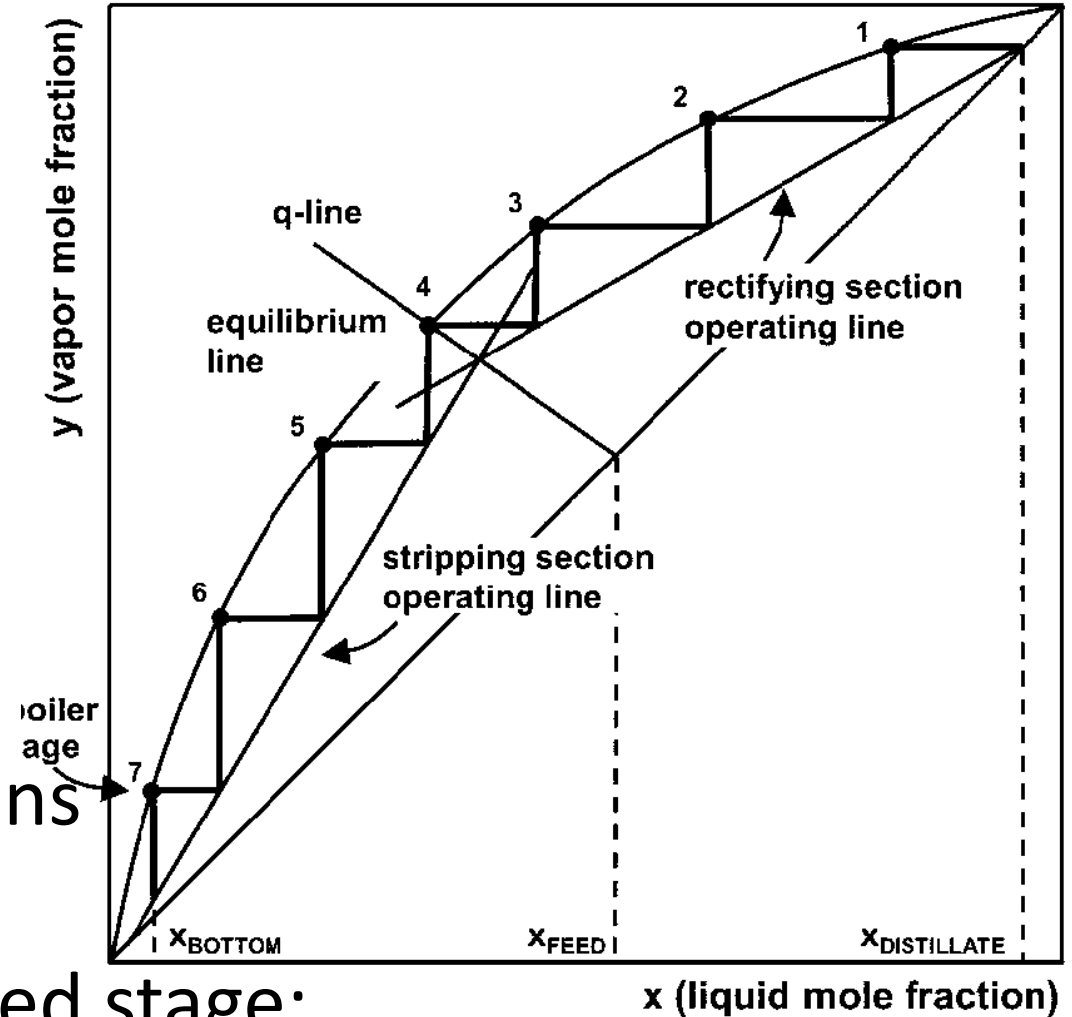
First:

Construct a staircase
Between
Operating lines and
Equilibrium curve.

Horizontals – equil.
Verticals – compositions
Passing each other

Optimal location of feed stage:

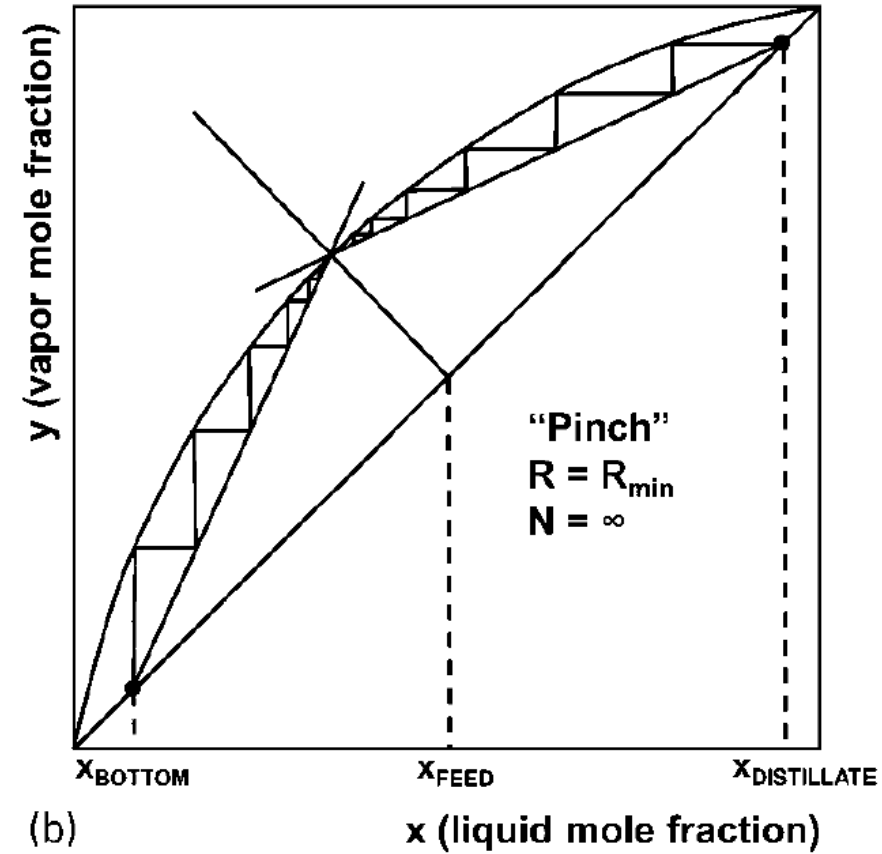
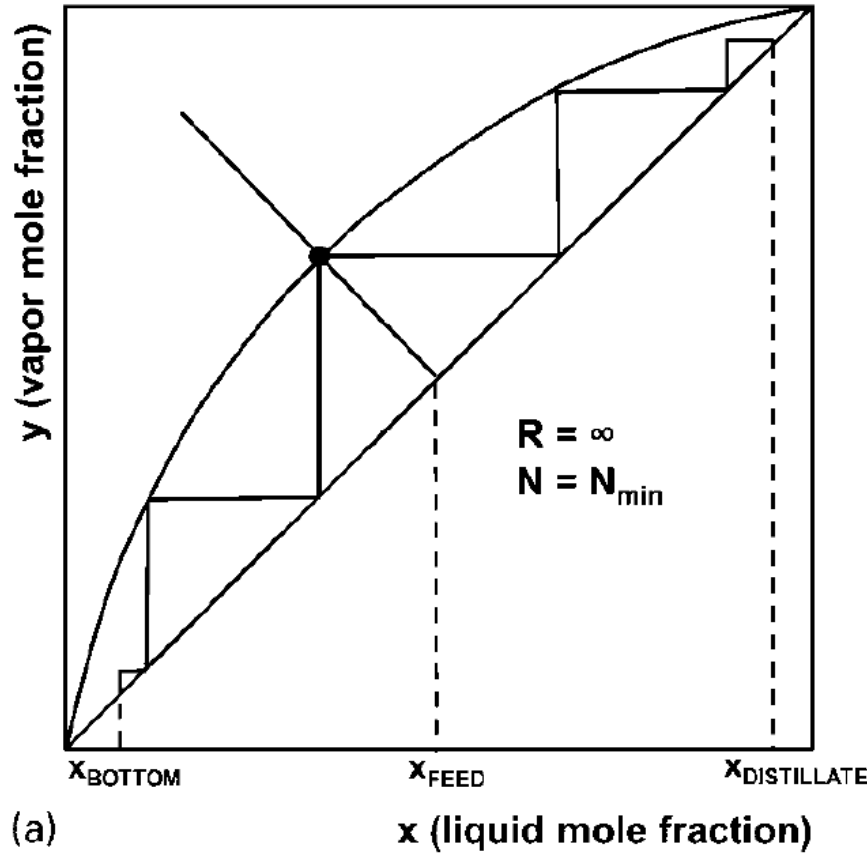
First location after horizontal crosses the q-line.



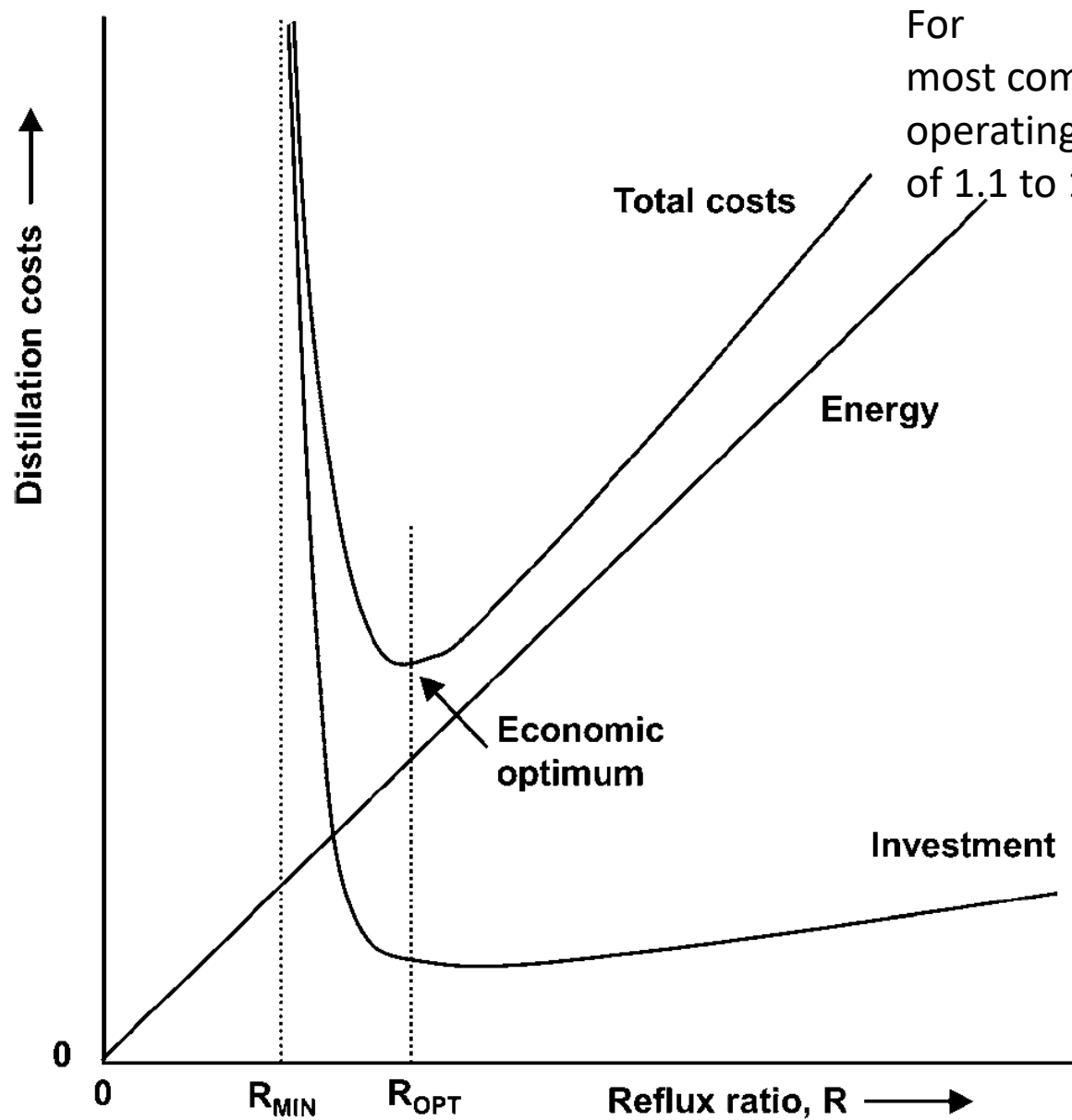
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Minimum # stages

vs. Minimum reflux ratio



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For most commercial operations the optimal operating reflux ratios are in the range of 1.1 to 1.5 times the minimum reflux ratio.

Operational cost

McCabe-Thiele Analysis

$$R_{\min} = \left(\frac{L'}{D} \right)_{\min} = \left(\frac{L'}{V' - L'} \right)_{\min} = \frac{\left(\frac{L'}{V'} \right)_{\min}}{1 - \left(\frac{L'}{V'} \right)_{\min}}$$

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Operational cost

Distillation Problems

Practice

Remember – Two tutorials next Thursday